

**DECLARATION**

AS THE BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship is as stated next to my name. I believe that I am the original, or an original, first and joint inventor, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE: **BACKGROUND NOISE ESTIMATION METHOD FOR AN IMPROVED G.729 ANNEX B COMPLIANT VOICE ACTIVITY DETECTION CIRCUIT**

☒ the specification of which either is attached or otherwise accompanies this Declaration, or

☐ is attached to the application being filed today, \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

☐ was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on \_\_\_\_\_, and assigned Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ and (if applicable) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. I further acknowledge, in the case of any application filed pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, § 120 (and which discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application), the duty to disclose all information known to the persons to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which information became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the subject 35 U.S.C. § 120 application.

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventors' certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Application Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)
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I claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

None

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(STATUS: patented, pending, abandoned)

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